

## SHOT 40 HORSES INJURED IN FIRE

Suspicion That Blaze May  
Have Been Started by  
East Side Blackmailers.

Forty horses were shot and killed early today following a fire in a stable of John Lange, at No. 49 Margin street, during which the animals inhaled hot smoke from their burning heads. The shooting was started in the street in front of the stable, and created much excitement.

Policeman Hayes of the Union Market station was notified of the fire at 3 o'clock, and sent in an alarm. The department put out the fire in short order and with only \$50 loss. The firemen went away and the blaze was forgotten for two hours.

Then a small boy ran to Hayes and told him that somebody was shooting a lot of horses in the street in front of the stable. Hayes found Lange in charge, and Thomas Ward, a special agent for the S. P. C. A., was firing bullets into the horses' heads as they were led from their stalls. At each shot a horse fell over in the street dead.

Lange explained to the policeman that the stable had contained seventy horses and that forty of them had inhaled so much smoke that they were of no further service and would die from the effects of the smoke. He said that he sent for the agent in accordance with the usual practice in such cases.

"It may be lawful all right," said the policeman, "but you are obstructing the streets with this performance. You will have to get these carcasses into the stable and do the rest of your job inside."

There was a suggestion that the stable might have been fired by a gang of horse poisoners and blackmailers. Four years ago they sent letters to Lange, but he would not admit to-day that he thought the stable might have been fired by some of the gang.

## WALL STREET.

A moderate influx of buying orders, following an irregular opening, gave the early stock market to-day a fairly steady appearance. Initial prices were hardly altered from last week's closing, but toward the end of the first hour a buying movement developed in Steel, Reading, Copper and a number of specialties, which resulted in sending the list fractionally higher.

Eventually the early demand for stocks subsided, and the market began to ease off from the highest range, but a firmness was maintained in the subsequent dealings.

Afternoon trading was featureless. Price changes were confined within very small margins. The dullness was due to the waiting attitude assumed by the trading element because of possible decisions in the anthracite coal cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Closing sales were irregular.

The Closing Prices.

Arch. Yoc. & S. 104	104	104	
Am. C. & F. 104	104	104	+
Am. C. & P. 78	78	78	+
Am. C. & W. 201	201	201	+
Am. C. & S. 220	220	220	+
Am. C. & St. P. 104	104	104	+
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